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In accordance with the May 4, 1977 resolution of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of FRETILIN, the Second Plenary Meeting of the External Front of the Revolutionary Front of Independent East Timor - FRETILIN - and of the Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor was held in the city of Maputo, capital of the People's Republic of Mozambique, from August 24, 1977 to September 1, 1977, presided over by the National Political Comissar, State Minister for Political Affairs, Plenipotentiary, MARI BIN HAMUD ALKATIRI.

Present in the Meeting were the Political Comissar and State Minister for Economic and Social Affairs, ABÍLIO DE ARAÚJO, the Commander General of FALINTIL and Minister of National Defence, ROGÉRIO LOBATO, the Secretary of the Department of External Relations and Minister of External Relations, JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA, the Permanent Representative of FRETILIN in the People's Republic of Mozambique and Ambassador of DRET, ROQUE RODRIGUES, the Permanent Representative of FRETILIN in the People's Republic of Angola and Charge d'Affairs of DRET, JOSÉ MARIA SARMENTO and FRETILIN Representative for Europe, LEONEL DE ANDRADE,

Some Sessions of this Plenary Meeting were attended by rank-and-file FRETILIN militants currently residing in the People's Republic of Mozambique, fulfilling their tasks.

In the course of the Plenary Meeting several subjects were profoundly debated, namely:

a) The evolution of the political-military situation in East Timor, its repercussions in the national, regional and international context and its implications in the Diplomatic Front;

b) Problems of revolutionary discipline;

c) Cabinet reshuffle.

In considering the latter it was unanimously decided to greet the Cabinet Reshuffle, in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Political Committee of the Central Committee of FRETILIN, as follows:

- MARI BIN HAMUD ALKATIRI is entrusted with the portfolio of Secretary of the Department of External Relations of FRETILIN and of the Minister of External Relations of the Government of DRET, ceasing his functions of National Political Comissar and State Minister for Political Affairs.

- ABÍLIO DE ARAÚJO is entrusted with the functions of Roving Ambassador, ceasing his functions as a Political Comissar of FRETILIN and of the State Minister for Economic and Social Affairs.

- ROGÉRIO LOBATO is entrusted with the functions of Military Advisor to the Minister pf External Relations with the category of a Commander, ceasing his functions as the Commander General of FALINTIL and of Minister of National Defence of DRET.

- JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA is entrusted with the functions of FRETILIN Representative to the United Nations and Ambassador of DRET, ceasing his functions as a Secretary of the Department of External Relations and of the Minister of External Relations of DRET.

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Done on the 5th of September, 1977

MARI ALKATIRI,
Member of the Central Committee of FRETILIN,
Minister of External Relations of DRET,
PLENIPOTENTIARY.